



Peace United Church of Christ

Rev. Eric Kirkegaard

19 July 2020

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We, the members of Peace United Church of Christ, believe that we are called to be a congregation of grace and welcome to all of God's children:

- to celebrate every person as a child of God, created in God's image.
- to love all as God has first loved us.
- to acknowledge the presence of, and offer healing to the wounds of oppression, injustice, prejudice, and hate, and to stand with those who are left out.

Following Christ's example, we welcome and include everyone in all aspects of life, leadership, and ministry of the church. We affirm persons of all races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, physical or mental abilities, political stances, faith backgrounds and socio-economic status.

In the way of Jesus, we stand against acts of hate and violence in all their forms.

Therefore, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming Congregation, where an extravagant welcome and grace are extended to all, and each person's gifts are celebrated, welcomed, nurtured and blessed, that all may be one. Amen.

Approved by Peace Church 10/20/2019

WORSHIP SERVICE

Greetings - A Time of Centering

↑ Hymn #649

"Gather Us In"

Unison D A/C# C G Gm/Bb Dm

1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4 Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,

C G D A/C# C G

van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way, here in this place the new light is shin-ing;

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in; our
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Being Gathered in the Presence of God – Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

One: May the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Many: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise up; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

One: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Many: Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

One: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Many: If I rise on the wings of the dawn and settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

One: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

All: *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Confession of Sin

One: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Beloved Lord, we long for a world where all of your children would know the depths of your love and mercy. Sadly, they do not. And too often we live without doing all that we could to help our sisters and brothers to know the fullness of Your grace. It is too easy to overlook the needs or the reality of others. We confess that we are bound by our own desires; we are limited by our own perspectives; we are tempted by our own need to feel relevant and important to those around us. We lose sight of Your measure for our lives. Reweave us, O God, help us be instruments of your peace and show us how to walk in your paths. In the promise of your mercy, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

♪ A Response Of Halleluja "Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le,lu-ja"

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

The Children's Time – we sing let the child in each of us join in singing

♪ Hymn #437 "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" vs. 1

🎵 Hymn #545

“How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely”

Unison G G/B C D D/F# Em Cmaj7 Am7 D

1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

G G/B C D C G/B Am7 D G

my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

N.C. C/D Bm/D Am/D Bm/D G/D Am G/B Am/C Dsus D

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

G G/B C D C G/B Am7 D G

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

WORDS: Arlo D. Duba (1929-); para. Psalm 84

MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

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7.6.7.6.D.

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Sermon

“The Challenge Continues... Weeds Lord?”

Special Music

“On Eagle’s Wings”

arr. John Carter

Pastoral Prayer – Silent Prayer-Lord’s Prayer

“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Benediction

Leader: Let us go forth listening for God’s call in our every-day lives, discerning together how we might be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus healing our broken world.

People: **We go to love and to serve, for we are the church. Thanks be to God! Alleluia and Amen.**

♪ Hymn #748

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{Esus}{B}$ $\frac{E}{B}$ A D

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's

$\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A D G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ D

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion

$\frac{A}{C\#}$ D $\frac{Esus}{B}$ $\frac{E}{B}$ A D $\frac{A}{E}$ E7 A Em $\frac{A7}{C\#}$

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace; O di - rect us
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,

D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ A G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ G $\frac{D}{F\#}$ Em7 $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ D $\frac{Em}{A}$ A7 D

and pro - tect us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett (1740-1817)
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th c.

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SICILIAN MARINERS
8.7.8.7.8.7.

The flowers on the altar today are from Janine Prost-Domasky in honor of Ron & Bonnie Will's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

SERVING TODAY

Our Worship Team:

Lauren Chamberlain, Violin, Litanist
Sherry McElhatton, Piano, Vocal
Karla Spaits, Melodica, Ukulele, Vocal
Elsa Kirkegaard, Flute, Percussion, Vocal
Maëlle Leopardo, Violin, Percussion, Vocal (Kirkegaard's French exchange student who remains in our pre-recorded clips even after returning home!)

Ministers: ALL OF YOU!

CALENDAR – WEEK OF JULY 19

July 14 10:00 am. Lectionary Study via Zoom, see link below.

Tuesdays at 10 am. - Lectionary group. Each week we will study the scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting on your computer by copying or clicking this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/299920158?pwd=WTdLNEx4dXExRHFteFB3RVBjQzN1dz09>

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Lectionary texts for July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 and Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12
and Psalm 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Peace Church Congregation!

The Peace Church congregation has always been committed to our mission and has demonstrated that commitment over and over. **We thank all of you who have continued to send in your offerings – it is very much appreciated!**

We hope, that if you are able, you will continue to give to the church during this difficult time.

Here are ways to give to Peace:

- Mail your gift to church: The church address is: Peace UCC, PO Box 433, Kewaskum, WI 53040
- Give online by going to [GIVE](#) on our website. Scroll down to online giving and click the link and follow the directions.
- You can also set up automatic contributions with your bank. To do this just go to your bank's website or to call your local branch and they will assist you.

Thank you all...and God Bless.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

July 19-25

July 19	Bunny Scannell (91)
July 20	Elena Chamberlain, Albert Hembel, Kaila Kirst, Alyssa Schmeling
July 21	Carol Gardner (80)
July 22	Ruth Schmitt (80)
July 23	James Butzlaff, James Meinberg (87), Doc Ogi (95)
July 25	Nancy Polizotto

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know of any updates to the Prayer Lists

Those in Need of Healing: all shut-ins and those experiencing pain or loss

Members:

Harvey Brodzeller	Don Neitzel
Debbie Butzlaff	Dennis Novotny
Barry Clark	Mitch Ogi
John Coulter	Doc Ogi
Marion Doms	Alexia Polzin
Gary Fisher	Heidi Rodenkirch
Betty Graff	Carol Sedgwick
Christ Gudex	Betty Skaug
Les Martin	Alec Taylor
Marilyn McIntosh	Greg Vorpahl
Jim Meinberg	Bev Winninghoff
Robert Neumann	

Friends & Family:

Ruth Betts (M. McFadden)	Cindy Hoffman (Grundahl)
Caelyb (Bocher)	Debbie (Hallen)
Jessica (DeLaurier)	Larry Haas (Lemke)
Ron Geurts (Stern)	Eric Haas (Lemke)
William Gudex (C. Gudex)	Heidi (C. Manthei)

Sue Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Jeremy Heiser (Rodenkirch)
Mason Hollbrook (Bocher)
Robin Kann (Atwater)
Valerie Knurr (Kletti)
Bonnie Laufenberg (Lemke)
Mrs. Muckerhide
Babette Rhoads (Rhoads)

Ashlyn Roecker (Becker)
Therese Rohlinger (Roesel)
Ron Scheid (Liepert)
Bill Schuster (D. Stangl)
Charlie Straub (J. Becker)
Louise Steuerwald (Bocher)
Ann Thill (Mertz)
Katie Van Ess (G. Van Ess)

Please keep us updated. Concerns will be listed for 6 weeks.

Those Dealing with Cancer:

Members: Laurie Struck, Dennis Novotny

Friends & Family:

Gary & Evelyn Beaupre
Kim Breit
Jean Cornell (Herriges)
Nephew of Beck Ehmer
Kerri Estep (Atwater)
Ron Geurts
Paula Hader (Adler)
Norm Hughes (K. Hughes)
Sheri Theep (Van Beek)
Jan (D. Stangl)

Rev. Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn
(O'Connor and Kuhn)
Sue Mitchell (Rhoads)
Paige More (Pearson)
Sharon Rosbeck (Herriges)
Dennis Liepert (J. Michaels)
Steve Siebenaler (J. Manthei)
Susan Tolonen (Lindgren)
Russell Will (Will)

Those who have entered Hospice for additional care on the journey:

Barbara Wenzlaff, John Waskiewicz, Norm Hughes

Those Serving our Country



Thank you to the following who are currently serving in the **Armed Forces**, for their courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe:

Julia (Leithold) Beasley (Air Force)
Sgt. Tyler Graff (Air Force – Betty Graff grandson)

Spencer Guenther (Air Force – Van Ess nephew)

Kyle Henk (Army)

Matthew Jankowski (Army National Guard – Jackie McCurdy grandson)

Luke Linden (Army National Guard – Joanne Amerling grandson)
Major Erik Rundquist (Army)
Maggie Singer (Army National Guard)
Dallas Stolowski (Marine Corp. – Knoth grandson)
Ryan Wunsch (Army National Guard – McElhatton son-in-law)
Samuel Zemlicka-Retzlaff (Air Force)

Our Covenanted Partner in Ministry: Rev. Gretchen Martin who serves the wider church through her work with the North Carolina Organ Donor Network.

Summer Sunday School

Be sure to tune into the Peace Church YouTube channel through the entire summer... June, July, and August!

Follow the Sunday School link at: www.peace-ucc.org or [YouTube Channel Link](#)

Each week, Ms. Alexia will offer a fun lesson and introduce you to one of the famous characters you know and love... cowboy, space ranger, slinky, T-rex and MORE!

Plus, you'll learn what toys can teach you about serving God, and the different people in the Bible who carried out God's purposes.

Tune in any day or time. We'll be here for you!

Rocky Railway VBS is on the way!



Virtual VBS premieres Monday, July 27th. Join friends from Peace Church and other Kewaskum families on a special adventure learning about Jesus' power!!! Virtual VBS allows you to watch, sing, and learn on your schedule right at home!!! Children ages 4-11 are invited to participate. Registration forms were emailed out this past week, if you did not receive one and need one, please contact the church office. Older kids can help too... watch for announcements. Join Ramsey, Ava, Sierra, Finn, and Lawrence as they share the fun of virtual VBS!

Please contact Jamie Piittmann, Pam Berres, or Becky Manthei for more information.

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